GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Airport Charges
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the airport charges are very high in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is among the world"s most expensive airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the airport charges; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): The airport charges are allowed to airports operators as mean to provide fair rate of return on the investment made by the airport developer. Since huge investments are made by the developers while construction of the airport, the charges are comparatively higher during the initial period of the airport commencement. However, the charges gets substantially reduced once the investment for the development is recovered.;

(c) & (d): No Madam. The airport charges at Delhi airport is comparatively lower than several other similarly placed airports across the globe. Besides, AERA has already notified the airport charges for Delhi airport for 2nd Control Period wherein the charges have been substantially reduced.
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(e) & (f): Government of India has established Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) in 2009 under an Act of Parliament viz. AERA Act, 2008 to determine the tariffs in respect of aeronautical services provided at major airports in the country. AERA determines the aeronautical tariff in respect of major airports based on stakeholder consultation. The tariffs are reviewed and revised by AERA every five years considering the investment and expenditure incurred by the airport operator, improving efficiency and viability of the airport with a view to rationalize the charges.;;;